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A member of the American Volkssport Association (AVA) & the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV)
The Public is always welcome

**Randolph Roadrunners
Volkssport Club**
A Walking Club Established 1980
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www.randolphroadrunners.info

AVA Website

www.ava.org

TVA Website

www.walktexas.org

SW Regional Director

Susan Medlin 210-325-3523

sw_rd@ava.org

Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due:

Ann Menchaca, Betsy Kernahan, Thomas & Betty Arbaugh, Mike & Carol Abbott, Leslie & Miriam Ellison, Angie & Bob Huxel, Kat & Jaquelin Jalali and Brenda Jordan.

To renew your RR membership, fill out the application attached or print it off our website:

www.RandolphRoadrunners.info and send it with \$4 for 1 year or \$10 for 3 years, to Caryl Swann c/o RR, PO Box 2744, Universal City, TX 78148.

Remember: Lifetime Memberships are available for \$30 per person.

Welcome New Member!

Marian DeVaul New Braunfels

RR SALES POSITION OPEN

The Roadrunners still need a person or persons for the sales position. Please contact Ellen, 210-723-8574, if you can help.

RR Club Meetings:

We meet at 6:30 P.M. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at: Universal City Library, 100 Northview Drive, Universal City, TX 78148. There will be no December meeting in lieu of the December 13th Christmas Party. The next RR meeting is Thursday, January 17, 2019.



Volkssport Christmas Party

6 – 9 p.m. December 13

at the StoneWerks Big Rock Grille in the Vineyard at 1201 Loop 1604, S.A.T.

The party sponsors, Randolph Roadrunners and Selma Pathfinders are inviting all San Antonio area Volkssporters.

Space for 95 guests is available so register early to make sure you have a seat! Live Christmas music will be provided. A buffet dinner will include Mongolian BBQ, salmon and beef tenderloin, vegetables, a great salad bar, dessert and coffee, tea or soda are on the menu. The dinner cost is \$30 per person. Please make you check out to the Randolph Roadrunners and send it to: Joanne Forinash, 1726 Fawn Crest, San Antonio, 78248, no later than December 8.

All attending are asked to bring new children's socks, unwrapped for children from infants to age 15. No holiday themes, please; give them something they can wear all year. Any questions email or call, Ellen Ott, 210-723-8574 – ellenott@sbcglobal.net or Joanne Forinash, 210-872-2743 – sjforinash@yahoo.com.



**A Tale from The Trails -
Christmas in Comfort**

By: Ellen Ott

Since there was no scheduled walk on Saturday 24 November, I decided to go to Comfort at the request of Tina Bohnert to walk their YRE and check out their Christmas Market. I thought Comfort being Comfort, they would have a few booths.

As I approached the town on Route 27 at about 0915, I noticed cars everywhere. I looked down a side street; all I could see were set up booths. On High Street there were booths as far as the eye could see both to my right and left and booths even in the middle of the street. I was

AMAZED! I was told the parade would be at 7 p.m. I naively asked if anyone went to it. A local told me about 2 to 3 thousand folks. Oh my!

Christmas in Comfort is always the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Save that date for next year and you also can enjoy a wonderful day at Christmas in Comfort and even get in a walk.



From the Desk of the Pres--

Our Boerne Christmas walk is scheduled for 8 December, 2018, 8 a.m. to noon and finish no later than 3 p.m. Start at Luther Hall at St. John's Lutheran Church, 315 E. Rosewood Avenue, Boerne.

This might be your last chance to see 97 year old curator of the Toilet Seat Museum, Barney Smith and his collection at the Corner Bakery Café walk event January 5, 2019. This will be the last time Barney will host a checkpoint at his museum in Alamo Heights. He has sold the collection and it is expected to move to Dallas in February. The Museum Trail and the Quarry Market/Lincoln Heights walks run from 8 to noon; finish no later than 3 p.m. Start in the Quarry Market at the Corner Bakery Café-Lincoln Heights, 255 E. Basse Rd., S.A.T.

Roadrunners 2019 Walk Schedule:

- 5 Jan. Quarry Market walks
 - 2 Feb. *Friedrich Park – Featured YRE
 - 9 Feb. Del Webb Cookie Walk
 - 24 Feb. **TTR multi-event weekend RR checkpoint @Roosevelt Pk
 - 30 Mar. Land Heritage – rescheduled
 - 17 May Beethoven Maennerchor
 - 13 July Taco Cabana – place TBD
 - 10 Aug. Taco Cabana – place TBD
 - 7 Sept. Lazy U Ranch
 - 5 Oct. Garden Ridge
 - 16 Nov. OST downtown in conjunction With OST 100 Centennial
 - 30 Nov. *Southside Lions Pk. Featured YRE
 - 14 Dec. Boerne Christmas walk
- **Many other “jobs” available
*Ellen will cover staffing

Tails on the Trails ...

A special program for people who walk a dog. Books are \$10 each; (and the check should be made out to the Texas Trail Roundup) and can be ordered from Susan Ives 32614 Pinebluff, S.A.T 78230. And since it was asked, yes, it has to be a real dog. Stuffed toy dogs don't count! Check out the TTR web site www.texastrailroundup.org for more information.

Happy trails ya'll,
Ellen



Kudos to the following RR Walkers -
Taken from the Dec./Jan. issue of the TAW:

Events:

50	Elias Abdulhad
100	Robert Adelman
100	Diane Adelman
425	Marta Knape
425	Reuben Knape
550	Susan Alton

Distance:

2500km	Kathy Schwencke
2500km	Mary de la Garza
4000km	Darren Medlin
5000 km	Susan Alton
19,000km	Joanne Forinash



Texas Trail Roundup

Events:

Friday, 22 February, 2019 10/6km
START: 7:00-10:00AM FINISH BY: 1:00PM In downtown San Antonio; include the River Walk, the Alamo, La Villita Arts Village, Main Plaza and El Mercado.

Saturday, 23 February, 2019

42/21/13/5km START: 6:45-7:15AM (42K) 7:30-10:00AM (all walks)
FINISH BY: 5:00PM The Marathon takes River Walk South & city streets through all the UNESCO World Heritage Missions - and back! For the 21km you are bused to the furthest

mission, Espada, and walk back. The 13km walk is to Mission Concepción & back. The 5km walk will be on the River Walk and city streets, including the historic King William neighborhood.

Sunday, 24 February, 2019

21/13/5km START: 7:30-8:00AM
FINISH BY: 4:00PM The walks head north on the River Walk through The Pearl, Brackenridge Park, Trinity University, and the historic Monte Vista neighborhood.

WANTED: for the TTR

A person (or couple) to accompany the European Evaluators who will be in San Antonio and take them to the rodeo the last week in February. Rodeo tickets will be provided.

The Texas Trail Round UP's online registration is finally open. The website is:

www.texastrailroundup.org/2019registration

Hope to see all of you there for our big weekend!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Susan Medlin, AVA SW Regional Director America's Walking Club
Texas Volkssport Assoc. President

sueammed@aol.com

210-325-3523

www.texastrailroundup.org



Fun, Fitness, Friendship

National Executive Council (NEC)

The next NEC meeting will be held January 11 – 13, 2019 at La Quinta Inn – Tucson Airport, 7001 South Tucson Blvd, Tucson, Arizona 85706. (520) 573-3333.

Communications— Samanta Sanchez

Big Give, Big Excitement!

The Big Give 2019 is only a couple of months away! March 28, 2019 is the day our AVA community will come together and make an impact. Donations can be made online on March 28, 2019 through www.thebiggivesa.org or you can send a check to the AVA National Office through May 31st. Our Big Give

campaign will run for a few weeks. Please stay tuned for more information on our campaign dates and details. Big Give updates will be announced in the TAW, Checkpoint, website, and social media.

Goodshop

Sign up for Goodshop by going to https://www.goodsearch.com/login?return_path=%2Finvite-friends. Your user profile will help keep track of the amount you've raised. Select **American Volkssport Association-AVA** from the participating organizations and begin shopping. At no cost to you, a portion of all eligible purchases will go to your chosen cause. 100% of the donation amount displayed on merchant's Goodshop page will go to the charity or school of your choice.

AVA Special Programs November, 2018

- Ice Cream Parlors
- Underground Railroads
- Border Crossings
- *Walking the Old Spanish Trail
- Walking the United States – 50 states/capitals
- Walking the U.S.A. – A-Z
- Bridges Spanning the U.S.A.
- Lady Liberty
- Make a Wish – Water Fountains
- National Parks Centennial
- Points of Reference
- State Street Sashay
- Take a Walk in a City Park
- Treasure Hunt
- Vice Presidential Walks
- United States Post Offices
- Walking America's Ports of Call
- Walking the Path of Inventions
- Walk the U.S.A. Street by Street

*Since Ellen Ott Coordinates this special program, she will allow books to be returned when the program is finished regardless of date.

Starting January, 2019

- Little Free Libraries
- Carousels Across America

TVA Special Programs:

Texas Historical landmarks
Walking Texas Regions
(These will continue as long as there is an interest in the programs; there is no ending date.)



The TVA

Grapevine Memorial Walk

December 31, 2018 – Event ID 113443
10km/6km – 1A
Start: 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Finish by 5 p.m. The Start Point is the Palace Theater, 300 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX. Contact is Helen Hull 972-530-1026.

Swiss Ave. Historic District New Year's Day Walk

January 1, 2019 – Event ID 113397
10km/5km – 1A
Start: 9 a.m. to noon, finish by 3 pm. The Start Point is Whole Foods Market, 2118 Abrams Rd., Dallas, TX. Contact is Deborah Carter 972-285-8102.



The following 3 Special YRE Group Walks are also scheduled:
Friday, 12/28/18 at 6 p.m. Las Colinas YRE (bring a flashlight)
Saturday, 12/29/18 at 9:30 a.m. McKinney YRE
Sunday, 12/30/18 at 1 p.m. Ft. Worth Downtown YRE.



Volunteering at the AVA Convention – We want you!

From June 9-16, 2019 the Empire State Capital Volkssporters will be hosting the 21st Biennial AVA Convention in the Great Northeast. The success of a convention is dependent upon many factors but one of them is **PEOPLE** and

more importantly **VOLUNTEERS**. We are showcasing some great walks, workshops, entertainment, and vendors and to do them justice, we would like all hands on deck.

How can you volunteer? There are many places to help but here are a few to get you thinking. You can help setting up, taking down convention, Starting Point sign in and finish table, checkpoint, registration, parking attendant, transportation or information ambassador, meals, socials, charity events, selling merchandise, and as an event usher (such as a workshop).

Undecided and still want to help... sign up "Where I'm Needed" and a task will be assigned. To sign up simply go to www.ava.org, select "Conventions" and click on "2019 Biennial Convention" which will take you to the convention website. Select "Volunteer", complete the form with your information, the days and times you wish to volunteer, and the places you would like to help and then click "I VOLUNTEER". That's it!

Once all of the tasks have been identified and a final volunteer schedule is developed, you will be notified of your assignment. Don't let your favorite job get taken by someone else. Sign up to **VOLUNTEER NOW!** Thanks in advance for making the 21st Annual Biennial Convention in Albany, New York a huge success

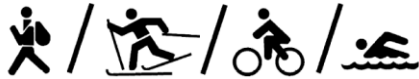
The Empire State Capital Volkssporters of the Northeast Region are delighted to be your hosts for the 21st biennial AVA convention. Other Northeast Regional clubs are partnering with us to offer you walks in places full of history and charm that extend from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes.

- Walk;n'Mass Volkssport Club
- Two Town Walking club
- Twin State Volkssport Association
- Niagara Frontier Volkssport Club

For the convention days, we are planning entertainment in the evenings and a series of workshops featuring both volkssporting topics and local history.

Our mascot, Sal the mule, bids you to come to Albany to be an active

convention participant to meet
volkssporters from across the U.S.
Canada and beyond and to share in the
camaraderie of volkssporting.



Texas Traditional Events and Featured YREs -

December, 2018:

12/1/2018 - 12/1/2018 - Walk
Event Number: 111318 5/10 km
Start: 100 Ladybird Lane, Johnson
City, TX 78636

Event City: Johnson City, TX -
Johnson City Lights Spectacular
Host Club: Volkssportverein
Friedrichsburg

More Details: [Click here for directions,
ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

320 Morning Glory Dr
Fredericksburg, Tx 78624
Contact: David Roberts, (830) 992-
7584

E-Mail: dloberts34@hotmail.com

Club Website: www.walktx.org/AVA1

12/1/2018 - 12/1/2018 - Night Walk
Event Number: 110776 10 km/5 km
Start: Homewood Suites--2675 Plaza
Parkway

Event City: Wichita Falls - Wichita
Falls Christmas Lights Walk

Host Club: Lawton Walkers

More Details: [Click here for directions,
ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

2809 NE Heritage Ln
Lawton, Ok 73507
Contact: Roland L Ouellette, (214)
649-4150

E-Mail: rlo@rioedmgrou.com

12/8/2018 - 12/8/2018 - Walk
Event Number: 111976 5km/10km
Start: Luther Hall at St. John's
Lutheran Church

Event City: Boerne - Boerne Christmas
Walk

Host Club: Randolph Roadrunners

Event Website:

randolphroadrunners.info

More Details: [Click here for directions,
ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

11906 Pepperidge Cove
San Antonio, Tx 78213
Contact: Ellen Ott, (210) 723-8574

E-Mail: ellenott@sbcglobal.net

12/8/2018 - 12/8/2018 - Walk

Event Number: 112897 11km/6km

Start: Chick-fil-A

Event City: Keller - City of Keller

Parks & Trails

Host Club: Tarrant County Walkers

Event Website:

www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalker
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More Details: [Click here for directions,
ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

917 Forest Oaks Lane

Hurst, TX 76053

Contact: Brooke Hudson, (817) 944-
5191

E-Mail:

brooke_hudson@hotmail.com

Club Website:

www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalker
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12/8/2018 - 12/8/2018 - Walk

Event Number: 113169 10km/5km

Start: Jones Building, St. Paul's United
Methodist Church

Event City: Houston - St. Paul's

Host Club: Houston Happy Hikers

Event Website:

HoustonHappyHikers.com

More Details: [Click here for directions,
ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

P O Box 101, Orchard, Tx 77464

Contact: Catherine Kellner, (979) 478-
6203

E-Mail: kellnerc12@yahoo.com

Club Website:

www.houstonhappyhikers.com

Saturday – December 15, 2018

Texas Trail Roundup sponsors

Featured YRE events:

Pearsall 108403 2018/Y2161 &

Jourdanton 108435 2018/Y2160

Start time: 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Distances: 10km/5km 1A

These walks will be retired on

31 December, 2018. COME WALK

WITH US!

John Ives (210) 69404582, will man the

Jourdanton walk and Ellen Ott (210)

723-8574, will be at the Pearsall walk.

Jourdanton: The walk box is at the La
Quinta Inn, 110 BMT Dr, Jourdanton,
TX 78026.

Walk Start point: Retrace your drive
to the courthouse. 1 Courthouse Circle,
Jourdanton 78026, on the corner of 16
and 97.

Pearsall: The walk box is at the
Baymont Inn, 1808 West

Comal Street, Pearsall, TX 78061

Walk Start point: the Old Frio County
Jail Museum at the corner of Pecan and
Medina St. Pearsall, TX 78061.

12/16/2018 - 12/16/2018 - Night
Walk

Event Number: 113323

10km/7km/3km

Start: Riverwalk View Deck (NEW) @
VFW Post 76

Event City: San Antonio - Christmas
Lights River Walk IV

Host Club: LoneStar Walkers

More Details: [Click here for directions,
ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

27727 Ramblewood

San Antonio, Tx 78261

Contact: Heinz Johnson, (830) 980-
5723

E-Mail: lonestarwalkers@gvvc.com



12/31/2018 - 12/31/2018 - Walk

Event Number: 113443 10km/6km

Start: Palace Theater

Event City: Grapevine - TVA

Memorial Walk

Host Club: Texas Volkssport Assn.

Event Website: www.WalkTexas.org

More Details: [Click here for directions,
ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

2334 Saharah Dr

Garland, TX 75044

Contact: Helen Hull, (972) 530-1026

E-Mail: helenthehun@yahoo.com

Club Website: walktexas.org

39th Waring Halloween Walk, October, 27 & 28, 2018.



The old Waring General Store along the the
Green Trail a Little Free Library box.



Kathy and Mike Schwencke at the start point at Waring Hall Halloween walk.



The second checkpoint at the Zoeller Cemetery where John Bohnert was working.

10/13/18 – Universal City Cibolo Creek Primitive Trail.



Susan Alton, Vorsha Sherfield and Susan Medlin exiting Cibolo Creek Trail.



Gayle Weinraub & Rudy on Zoeller Lane along the Guadalupe River.



Tractor and cement mixer displayed at the entrance to a ranch along the trail decorated for Halloween.



Martin Callahan & Rudy on the Cibolo Creek Main Trail to 2nd checkpoint.



Martin Callahan next to the tombstone of Captain Adolph Zoeller who served in the Union Army during the Civil War.



Registration taking place inside Waring Hall for the Waring Halloween Walks that took place on 27 October 2018. This was the 39th annual Halloween Walk sponsored by the Hill Country Volkssportverein.



Diana & Robert Adelman and Rudy in front of the caves at the Cibolo Creek Primitive Trail walk.

***Photos courtesy of Martin Callahan**

RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS APPLICATION

PO Box 2744, Universal City TX 78148-1744

Please check applicable box (es):

Renewal

New Member

Family member(s) included (see instructions below) DATE _____

Name _____

NEW MEMBER FEE: \$4.00 for 1 year

\$10.00 for three years

Address _____

This fee applies to the primary member. Additional family members require a \$2.00 fee per individual.

Apt No. _____

RENEWAL FEE:

\$4.00 for one year

\$10.00 for three years

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

This renewal fee includes each family member who paid \$2.00 with the original application.

Telephone number _____

If the \$2.00 fee was not paid with the original application, add family members now by including \$2.00 for each person.

E-mail address _____

Lifetime membership for (1) one person is available for a \$30 fee.

Family members _____

AVA Volkssport Associate Yes No

Amount submitted \$ _____

Eager to serve as club officer _____ or committee chair _____